WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. 1. A device for monitoring a first person requiring
2. supervision, comprising:
3. a controller programmed to 'receive at least one monitor
4. signal from an environment monitor located in a monitored zone;
5. said controller being programmed to classify at least one
6. alarm condition threatening to said first person responsively to
7. said environment monitor to produce class data; and
8. said controller being programmed to generate an alarm
9. signal responsively to said class data, said alarm signal
10. including at least a portion of said monitor signal at least one
11. of immediately prior to or immediately after an incidence of
12. said alarm condition.

1. 2. A device as in claim 1, wherein said at least one
2. monitor signal includes at least one of a still image, video,
3. and audio data.

1. 3. A device as in claim 1, wherein said controller is
2. programmed to recognize faces and said alarm condition is
3. responsive to one of a recognition of a face or a failure to
4. recognize a face.

1. 4. A device as in claim 3, wherein said controller is
2. programmed to solicit an action by an occupant, said monitor
3. signal being responsive to said action by said occupant.

5. A device as in claim 1, wherein said controller is programmed to solicit an action by an occupant, said monitor signal being responsive to said action by said occupant.

6. A device as in claim 1, wherein said controller is programmed to recognize a speaker's voice, said alarm signal being responsive to one of a recognition of said speaker's voice and a failure to recognize said speaker's voice.

7. A device as in claim 1, wherein said at least one monitor signal includes a detector configured to detect a lapse in breathing by said person.

8. A device as in claim 1, wherein said alarm signal includes at least a portion of said monitor signal immediately prior to and immediately after an incidence of said alarm condition.

9. A device as in claim 1 wherein said alarm signal includes at least one of an audio signal, text data signal, and a video signal.

10. A monitoring system for monitoring the environment of a person requiring supervision, comprising:

a controller connected to receive at least one signal from at least one sensor;

said at least one sensor generating first and second signals responsive to a first state of a caretaker of said person and a second state of said person, respectively;

8   said controller being programmed to generate a first alarm

9 signal when said first state is outside a first specified range

10 and to generate a second alarm signal when said second state is

11 outside a second specified range.

1   11. A monitoring system as in claim 10, wherein said first

2 alarm signal includes a sample of at least one of said first and

3 second signals.

1   12. A monitoring system as in claim 10, wherein said

2 controller is programmed to generate a message to solicit an

3 action by said caretaker signal when said first state is outside

4 said first specified range.

13. A method of monitoring a person requiring supervision,

comprising the steps of:

3   generating a first signal indicative of a status of a

4 person or said person's environment;

5   detecting an event requiring the attention of a remote

6 supervisor;

7   transmitting at least a portion of said first signal to

8 said remote supervisor responsively to a result of said step of

9 detecting.

1   14. A method as in claim 13, wherein said step of

2 transmitting includes transmitting an electromagnetic signal

3 including at least one of audio, video, and text data.

15. A method as in claim 13, wherein said person is an infant and said step of detecting includes detecting a lapse of breathing of said infant.

16. A method as in claim 13, wherein said step of detecting includes detecting at least one of an audio signal and video signal and classifying a predefined pattern in said at least one of an audio signal and a video signal.

17. A method as in claim 13, wherein said step of detecting includes detecting behavior of a person other than said child and in said child's environment.

18. A method as in claim 13, wherein said step of detecting includes at least one of recognizing a face of said person or another, classifying a body habitus of said person, classifying a physiognomy of said person, detecting a speed of movement of said person or another, detecting a number of persons in an occupied zone, and recognizing a voice signature, said steps of recognizing, classifying, and detecting being automatic machine processes.

19. A method as in claim 13, wherein said step of detecting includes detecting a failure of at least one of a movement of said person or another to move, speak, or generate any other detectable activities.